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Naval Vessels in the White Sea and
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A two-page report on sightings of Soviet naval vessels in the White Sea between 3 and 5 October 1956, has been deposited. This report contains four photographs of inferior quality of three Soviet naval vessels, as well as a sketch of a submarine which was sighted in conjunction with three of the vessels.

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WARSHIPS SIGHTED OFF NORTH RUSSIA

1.

[redacted] a two-funnelled destroyer passed about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away to the westward. The course of the destroyer was approximately S.W. and was heading into the WHITE SEA.

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2. (a)

[redacted] four vessels were sighted on the starboard side on a crossing course of about 245° . [redacted] Conditions at the time were dull and it was impossible to obtain any detail.

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(b) The ships consisted of:-

- (i) A parent ship which at first glance appeared to be a one-funnelled passenger ship of about 12,000 tons. She had a flush deck from stem to the bridge with one turret just forward of the bridge. The after decks were terraced towards the stern and there were two turrets aft, one above the other. There was one mast forward and a short mast aft. (See photograph No.1).
- (ii) Two escort vessels of the Artillerist class, identified principally by their squat single funnel placed clear of the bridge structure. (See photograph No.2).
- (iii) A submarine, which was not noticed until it started using a signal lamp to the parent ship. This submarine was astern of the parent ship, appeared to be very low in the water with practically no hull showing. There were two objects protruding at an angle from the after end of the conning tower (see attached sketch).

3. Two vessels near KOLA INLET in line ahead.

[redacted]
[redacted] appeared to be to the northward [redacted]

Course at first

and then to the

north westward to a position off NORTH CAPE. Speed approximately

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- Y. 13 miles NE of TSYP NAVOLOK, course 305°, speed 9 knots.
- D. A fine clear day.
- O. Unable to make notes at the time of observation.

Leading ship.

- F. Two funnels - forward funnel fairly close to bridge.
- I. Number 32 or 52 painted on side under bridge.
- L. About 660 ft. (twice length of own ship).
- M. Two tripod masts. One mast forward of each funnel.
- S. The hull step was at the after end and there was superstructure side plating flush with the hull in line with the forward funnel.
- T. Two turrets on the fore deck, two turrets on the after deck.
- A. Distance too great for observation.
- R. Distance too great for observation.
- S. Not reported. See photographs Nos. 3 and 4.

Second ship.

FILMSTAR procedure was not carried out in respect of this vessel.

[redacted] the ship as a very large destroyer or a light cruiser.

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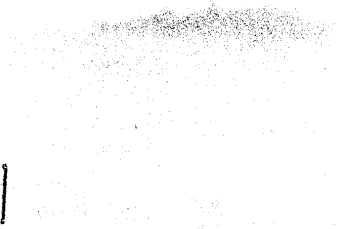
[redacted] The only unusual fitting [redacted] described was a large air sea rescue craft between the mainmast and the forward funnel. [redacted]

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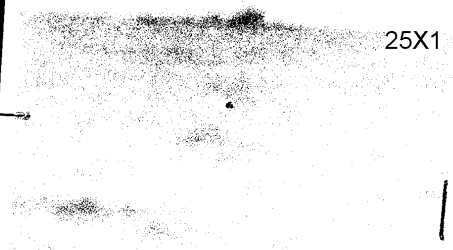
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12,000-TON NAVAL VESSEL SIGHTED IN
THE WHITE SEA.



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ARTILLERIST CLASS ESCORT VESSEL IN
WHITE SEA.

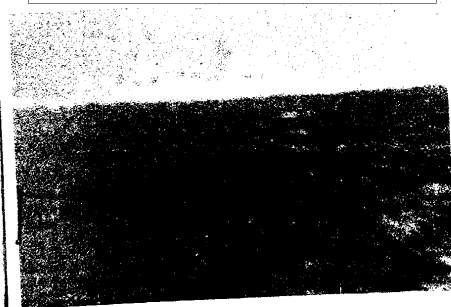


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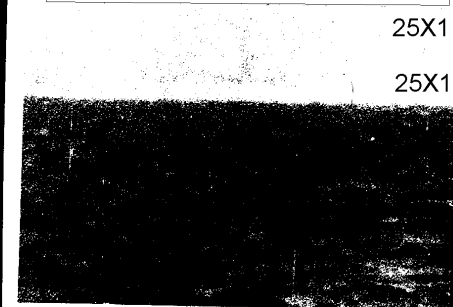


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